

# General Environmental Incident Summary

**Incident:** 1139      **Date/Time Notice:** 5/18/2009      1445      **DEM Incident No:**  
**Responsible Party:** American Crystal Sugar Company  
**Date Incident:** 5/18/2009      **Time Incident:** 0400      **Duration:** 3 hours  
**County:** Pembina      **Twp:** 159      **Rng:** 51      **Sec:** 14      **Qtr:**  
**Lat:** 48.59303      **Long:** -97.17905      **Method:** Derived from TRS  
**Location Description:** 8152 County Highway 44 North, Drayton, ND  
County Highway 44 North--- 1.5 miles north of Drayton, ND 58225

**Submitted By:** Steve Lindquist      **Affiliation:**

**Address:**

**City:**      **State:**      **Zip:**

**Received By:**

**Contact Person:** Steve Lindquist  
8152 County Highway 44 North  
PO Box 190  
Drayton, ND 58225-0190

**Distance Nearest Occupied Building:** 1.5 Miles

**Type of Incident:** Tank Overflow

**Description of Released Contaminant:** Sugar Beet Molasses (sold as animal feed)

**Volume Spilled:** 100.00 gallons      **Ag Related:** No

**EPA Extremely Hazardous Substance:** No      **Reported to NRC:** No

**Cause of Incident:**

The end of the processing season is near. To deal with a processing issue, it was decided to pump additional molasses from the process to the storage tanks. The molasses had more foam than usual, causing an underestimate of the volume of storage needed. A tank ran over before the molasses was transferred to another tank.

**Risk Evaluation:**

None.

**# of Fatalities:** 0      **# of Injuries:** 0      **Affected Medium:** 04 - water and soil

**Potential Environmental Impacts:**

None.

**Action Taken or Planned:**

The molasses is trapped in our ditches. It is not recoverable for sale, so it will be diluted and treated in the Mud Pond---- a stabilization pond on-site.

**Wastes Disposal Location:** The molasses will be pumped into the Mud Pond where bacteria ingest it.

***Agencies Involved:*** none